BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-358-E - ORDER NO. 92-521 €
JULY 13. 1992

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas) ORDER

Company - Request for Modification) GRANTING

of Residential Service Conservation) MODIFICATION

Rate Schedule 7 (Duct Insulation) OF RATE

Modification)) SCHEDULE 7

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the June 24, 1992 letter of Thomas W. Yarborough, Supervisor, Rate Services, for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) who requests a clarification and update of the language in Rate Schedule 7 concerning duct insulation. The present language states that ducts must have "a minimum of 2 inches of R-6.5 duct wrap insulation, or its equivalent." Yarborough notes that this language dates back to 1982 when the rate was introduced and the predominant duct insulation was a duct wrap. Yarborough alleges that, subsequently, various other duct insulation products have been incorporated into the residential market place. The Company requests that the language be changed from that quoted above to reflect a minimum installed R-value of 6.0, without reference to duct wrap

insulation. The Company alleges that this change will bring the rate into compliance with the minimum requirements of South Carolina's energy code.

Pursuant to <u>S.C. Code Ann</u>. §58-27-870(F), as amended, this Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing, upon Order of this Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return. We believe that the requested modification of Rate Schedule 7 fits into this category, and that no notice or hearing is necessary. We believe that the Company has stated good cause for us to grant the modification in language. The Company also requests that this Commission grant its approval effective sixty (60) days after the Order date to provide adequate time for the industry to change inventory. We believe that this is a reasonable request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the language "a minimum of 2 inches of R-6.5 duct wrap insulation, or its equivalent" shall hereby be modified to read "the duct shall have a minimum installed insulation R-value of 6.0," effective 60 days after the date of this Order.
- 2. That South Carolina Electric & Gas Company shall file fifteen (15) copies of the modified Rate Schedule 7 within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.

3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Ruchys Mitchell Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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